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1. WHEN I WAS IN WASHDC ON CONSULTATION, I DISCUSSED THE ARRIVAL DATES OF SEVERAL OFFICERS, AGREEING TO JULY IN CQOST CASES. HOWEVER, IT IS NOW EVIDENT THAT SOME CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE. I HOPE THE LIFTING OF THE TRAVEL LIMITATION WILL ALLOW ALL THREE OF THE FOLLOWING (IN ORDER OF PRIORITY):

A. MOVE FRANCINE BOWMAN ARRIVAL UP TO JUNE 15, 1975.

B. MOVE JOHN CRAWFORD ARRIVAL TO JUNE 15, 1975. AND ALL WILLIAM RAMSAY TO DEPART JUNE 22, 1975.

C. GIVE DONALD MCDONNEL MOME LEAVE AND RETURN ORDERS DEPARTING ABIDJAN THE WEEK OF APRIL 20, 1975.

2. THE WIFE OF PRESENT GSO IS PREGNANT AND THE LAST DAY SHE MAY FLY COMMERCIAL CARRIER IS JULY 2. WE ARE HAVING A LARGE TURNOVER DURING THE SUMMER AND REDSO IS GROWING BY AT LEAST TEN EMPLOYEES DURING THE SAME PERIOD. WE ONLY HAVE ONE GSO AND THEREFORE, A TWO WEEK OVERLAP IS ESSENTIAL.

3. I AM MAKING RAMSAY CHIEF OF THE ECONOMIC SECTION. HE HAS ORDERS TO REPORT TO FSI JULY 14. HE HAS AGREED TO HOLD HIS HOME LEAVE TO THE MINIMUM TO PROVIDE ONE WEEK OVERLAP WITH CRAWFORD BUT CRAWFORD WOULD HAVE TO ARRIVE JUNE 15. FERRITER WILL BE DCM UNTIL HIS DEPARTURE JULY 15 AND WILL BE INVOLVED IN OTHER MATTERS, AS WELL AS BRIEFING THE NEW
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DCM WHO ARRIVES JULY 8,9 IN ADDITION, MR. FERRITER MAY NOT

BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE MOST CURRENT E/C INFORMATION
AND CONTACTS TO CRAWFORD.

4. MCCONNELL ARRIVED ON DIRECT TRANSFER. HE WISHES TO TAKE HOME
LEAVE BEGINNING IN LATE APRIL. HIS FATHER-IN-LAW IS IN
POOR HEALTH AND HE DOES NOT WISH TO DELAY HIS LEAVE UNTIL FALL.
I WANT HIM TO BE HERE AT THE TIME THE NEW DCM ARRIVES IN JULY.

5. I WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE IN ALL THREE INSTANCES.
IF FY75 BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS FORCE MODIFICATION, I HAVE
PRESENTED THEM IN ORDER OF PRIORITY FOR ABIDJAN.
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